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APPLICANT: Y. Hayashi, et al.

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FOR: COMPOSITION CONTAINING α -FODRIN OR α -FODRIN FRAGMENT
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

The above-identified application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

The claims have been amended to read as follows:

14. (twice amended) A method for preventing or treating Sjögren's syndrome which comprises administering to a patient a therapeutically effective amount of

α -fodrin,

an antigenic fragment available upon proteolysis of α -fodrin with a protease, which comprises an amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:1, or